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1. Communist military are enlarging the airfield at Hsian, Shensi, to a size 60 (?) times the original area. All of the airstrips are being covered with metal grills. The work is being done under direct Soviet supervision for the stated purpose of accomodating all classes of Soviet heavy aircraft in the event of a "Soviet war with the United States."

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2. The Communist air force is concealing an unknown number of aircraft in or near Chenshan (123-, 40-) and Lishan (123-01, 41-08), Manchuria.

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3. The Communists have been stockpiling grain collected in North China and Manchuria for the last four months and little if any grain has gone to the USSR during this period. The stockpiling was done in preparation for World War III, which the Communists believe will occur in 1950.

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Comment. It appears likely that the travelers did not observe any of the items reported on but merely picked up rumors in the areas.

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